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I've been appalled by the vendetta against Microsoft. This has not been an action by dissatisfied consumers but rather an action instigated and financed by AOL, Sun and Oracle, Microsoft's whining competitors. The biggest losers so far have been the American economy and consumers.

Enough already. Call off the lawyers and let's get back to business. If AOL and company really want to beat Microsoft in the marketplace, now's their chance. Bill Gates has bet the company on his .Net initiative and it will require the software industry to rethink everything. It opens the door for Oracle, Sun and AOL to offer cost-effective alternatives. Instead, it seems they'd rather resort to the courts.

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